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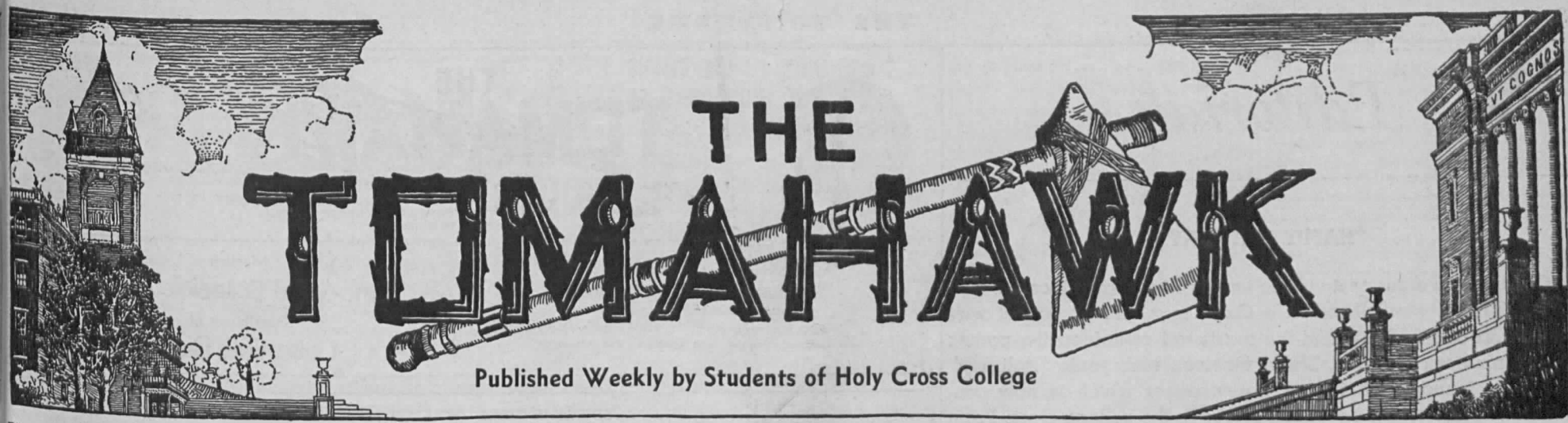


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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, T'HAWK!



Pictured above are James W. "Okie" O'Connell and James F. Riley already at work choosing committees for the Senior Ball.

"OKIE" O'CONNELL AND JIM RILEY NAMED SENIOR BALL CHAIRMEN

Frank Ofring Announces News to TOMAHAWK Today; Committee Members to be Named Soon

Frank Ofring, President of the Senior Class announced today that James W. "Okie" O'Connell and James F. Riley have been appointed co-chairmen of the Senior Ball Committee. These men are already hard at work selecting their committee.

O'Connell, a popular Worcester day hop, has been active in many activities on the Hill. For the first three years he was elected Vice President of his class. He is also a member of the K. of C., the Worcester Club, and the Purple Key. "Okie" has also participated in the political field as a candidate for the Worcester City Council in the city's recent Plan E election. For the past few years he has been high school football official in Massachusetts.

Jim Riley is also a native New Englander hailing from Melrose, Mass. He has been active in sports and a member of the hockey team since his Freshman year. He is a member of the Senior Placement Committee and the Radio Workshop. Last year Jim was a member of the Junior Prom Committee.

The Senior Ball is annually the highlight of the social season for members of the graduating class. It

occurs annually on the evening of Graduation Day, and marks the last formal gathering of the class before departing from Holy Cross. The formal dance is traditionally held in Kimball Hall.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank every member of the TOMAHAWK staff who has contributed in any way to the publication of this issue. I would especially like to thank Dick Larkin, '50, Features Editor, under whose guidance the tedious task of research was accomplished, and to Steve Grask, '50, Business Manager, whose efforts have helped to finance this undertaking.

The entire staff also expresses its thanks to Fr. Paul F. Barry, S.J., our Moderator, to the members of the faculty and Administration, and to the Washington Press, printers of the TOMAHAWK, for the wonderful co-operation given by all.

To all I extend my sincerest thanks, and a very grateful "Well Done!"

William J. Duffy, '50
Editor

ACTORS SET FOR OTHELLO

Silverson to Star in First Play of Year

The long-awaited Dramatic Society production of Othello, Shakespeare's great tragedy, will be presented on the Fenwick Hall stage Nov. 13-15. The campus Thespians have been in steady rehearsal for over a month and feel that they are ready to put on a smooth performance under the able direction of Fr. Frederick Gallagher S.J., Moderator of the society. Besides the regularly scheduled presentations, a special dress rehearsal will be put on Saturday afternoon for the local religious communities.

Lawrence Silverson will portray the title role of the Moor of Venice, one of Shakespeare's greatest tragic characters. Louis Introcaso will be featured as Iago and James Dolan as the Duke of Venice. The female lead part of Desdemona will be shared by Ann Marie Owens of Worcester State Teachers College and Nadine Mangan (Turn to Page Four)

DeChard Names Ring Committee

Thomas J. Cullen is Chairman of Jr. Group

Thomas J. Cullen, of Worcester, has been named chairman of the Ring Committee of the Class of '51 according to an announcement this week made by William DeChard, President of the Junior class.

Named to serve on the committee which will select a representative Holy Cross ring for the class were Charles J. Dumphy, also of Worcester, Francis H. Maloney, Jr., of Merion, Pa., Nolin J. Bilodeau of Pittsfield, Mass., and Carroll J. Mealey of Albany, N. Y.

The members of the committee met with officers of the class on Tuesday and have promised as quick a selection of the ring company and delivery of the rings as is possible. Complete details of the meeting will appear in next week's issue of the TOMAHAWK.

Official Campus Newspaper Was Founded by John J. M. O'Shea, '25

Special Silver Anniversary Edition Recalls Highlights of Quarter Century of H. C. History

By Natale L. Urso
Managing Editor

The TOMAHAWK celebrates its twenty-fifth birthday this year. To mark the occasion, the Editors take great pride in presenting this Silver Anniversary issue. In this special edition you will find reprints of some of the more important happenings which have lived within the pages of the TOMAHAWK for a quarter of a century, as well as some of the more timely and interesting features that have graced her editorial columns. Special features include a picture-story of the TOMAHAWK in operation and a photostat copy of the first page of the first issue of the paper.

Born in the old Reception room in lower O'Kane Hall during the scholastic year 1924-1925, the TOMAHAWK has since flourished as an integral part of campus life, and as the pride of lower Carlin. By recording all major events and activities on Mount St. James, and expressing and supporting student opinion, the Crusader branch of the Fourth Estate has served to strengthen the link among members of the student body.



John J. M. O'Shea '25

The TOMAHAWK as a campus weekly is the brain-child of John J. M. O'Shea, '25, now a successful New York attorney, who was its first editor. The name given the paper is obviously due to Indian influence which still existed in the wilds of Packachoag at the time.

Among former faculty moderators who are still on the campus are Father J. Bryan Connors, S.J., who served as adviser in the late '30's and Father James E. Fitzgerald, S.J., present Dean of the College, who succeeded him in 1940. Father Owen B. McKenna, S.J. held the position from 1943 until 1947, when he was succeeded by Father Paul F. Barry, S.J., the present moderator.

A college newspaper fulfills an important function in the life of a college. It keeps the faculty, student-body, alumni and friends of the college abreast of the march of events in the life of the college. This is an important and necessary work in our times. More than that, however, it is the chronicle of the college's history and in the time to come will be the chief source of information for historians of the college. For a quarter of a century the TOMAHAWK has done its work well. As I was here as a Scholastic at its foundation, I remember well the first group of students who courageously and efficiently edited its first issue. All hail to them and all succeeding Moderators, editors and staff members who through the years have labored to make it and keep it a representative college newspaper!

(Rev.) John A. O'Brien, S.J.
President
College of the Holy Cross

25th Anniversary Issue

- Editorials -

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY"

Come next February it will be twenty-five years since the first TOMAHAWK was placed in a Cross man's P. O. box. It was only a six-page edition and the masthead contained the names of but nineteen students. These nineteen embryonic "Pulitzers" were the founders of a weekly newspaper which is now considered by many to be just about tops in the college class. From that first six-page issue the TOMAHAWK has prospered and grown until today it has reached its peak in a twenty-four page anniversary edition, its largest yet. But no matter how thick or how thin the TOMAHAWK is or has been, it has always aimed at the goal which was set up for it in its first editorial reprinted on page 6 of this issue.

For the past quarter of a century the Tomahawk has documented the history of such Holy Cross greats as Ownie Carroll, "Bullet" Bill Osmanski, and George Kaftan. In its pages have been recorded the proms, the smokers; the wins and the losses; the laughter and the tears that are so much a part of college life. Besides presenting a factual account of all the activities of Holy Cross men, the TOMAHAWK in the past has always attempted to serve as the printed voice of the student body. Practically every grievance considered popular and adult enough has been aired in its columns. This has been one of the major reasons for its popularity here on the HILL.

The past twenty-five years have been extremely successful ones for the T'HAWK, as it is affectionately known. We believe that it has accomplished everything that its founders had in mind in 1925. As proof of this statement we offer you, in this our twenty-fifth anniversary edition, what we consider the best and the most interesting articles ever to have appeared in the TOMAHAWK. May we express the hope that you will enjoy this issue as much as we enjoyed publishing it.

A CLARIFICATION

Last week the TOMAHAWK printed an editorial mildly chastising the Faculty for their noticeable absence from the Student-Faculty Banquet. Since then, we have learned that the Lay Faculty was not asked to attend, and the Jesuit Faculty was laboring under a justifiable misapprehension as to seating accommodations. In view of these facts, any censure explicitly stated or implicitly applied to individual members of the Faculty was certainly misplaced. However, the Lay Faculty should have been invited and the Jesuit Faculty should have been fully informed, so that both could have attended this function. We hope that whoever will be in charge of future Student-Faculty banquets will assume the responsibility of guaranteeing the success of their proper objective - the harmonious intermingling of Student with Faculty member - by more careful preparation and more detailed planning. Otherwise the title is a travesty, and the banquet is but another welcome opportunity for us to gorge ourselves on Mr. Moran's unusually excellent cuisine.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the Purple Key Society, I wish to extend a sincere and public apology to the President of the Student Government. In neglecting to extend to him an invitation to sit as an honored guest at the head table during the Student-Faculty Banquet, I was guilty of an unpardonable oversight. For this I am truly sorry and am grateful to reader Behringer for bringing it to my attention.

I am deeply hurt, however, to think that any member of the Student Body could find grounds to insinuate that the Purple Key "has resorted to juvenile snobbishness in its fear of losing ground to the Student Congress." If reader Behringer can recall his Freshmen year, he will remember that not only did the Key welcome

the advent of the Student Government, but also that members of the Key were highly instrumental in establishing Student Government here on the Hill. He may also remember that it was a member of the Purple Key who was president of the Student Government last year. It always has been and always will be the policy of the Key to aid in strengthening the position of Student Government. It is completely unreasonable even to insinuate that the Key has, of a sudden, executed a complete about-face in its attitude.

It is to be hoped that reader Behringer will channel his efforts to establish firmly the position of Student Government in a more positive direction rather than to the degradation of the Purple Key.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Ryan, '50
Chairman, Purple Key Society



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College Daze

Here we go again, men. Early last week the editor, figuring everyone had fallen deep into his respective rut commonly called "the grind", decided he would rub a little more salt into your already stinging wounds and thought that a revival of this column would be the best way to do it. So here we go. As you know everything that appears in this space is stolen; stolen in every sense of the word. This is the space in the paper that lacks everything connected with the word originality. It Could Happen Here:

Student (after colliding in the corridor with teacher):
"I beg your pardon, sir"
Teacher "Entirely my fault."
Student: "Then why don't you look where your going?"

Somewhere in the dark depths of Carlin, in the vicinity of the TOMAHAWK office, one of the associate editors was heard singing the following ditty to the editor: "Get Off the Remington Portable, Gal, He Knows You're Not the Type."

Down the road a piece as you approach Boston, you go by another institution of learning (???), fondly referred to as The Chestnut Hill Country Day School. They, too, have an inmate who steals things. With apologies I "borrow" the following:

Breen: "I went to bed last night and dreamed that I died."

Jug: "And it was the heat that woke you up?"

And then there was this gem:
Under a spreading chestnut tree,
The village Smith, he stands,
Smith, a mighty man is he,
With large and sinewy hands.

Mr. William J. Duffy
Editor-In-Chief, Tomahawk
Holy Cross College

Dear Bill:

On behalf of the Student Body I wish to extend my congratulations to the TOMAHAWK on its twenty-fifth anniversary of publication.

The TOMAHAWK, throughout the years, has made tremendous progress and today, due to the unceasing efforts and efficiency of the various Staff members, commands a distinguished position here on the Hill.

Wishing you even greater success in the future

I remain,

Very sincerely yours,
Richard M. Regan
President of the Student Government.

DELEGATES FOR NFCCS NAMED

McGonigle, Nolan To Lead Activities at Cross

Robert L. Nolan, '51, and Paul McGonigle, '52, have been named senior and junior delegates from Holy Cross to the National Federation of Catholic College Students, following elections which were held at the Student Congress meeting recently.

The two students will head activities of the Federation on the Campus and will officially represent Holy Cross at the Regional and National meetings. Their plans this year, according to Nolan, will center around the Overseas Service Program, and large-scale public relations and publicity coopera-

tion with the Regional Public Relations Committee, also a Cross student. More than a dozen other Holy Cross students have been named to the campus NFCCS committee and these men will be on the Decent Literature phase of the national program in addition to the April Regional Congress and a May Day project.

Nolan, a resident of New Britain, Conn., is a transfer student from Georgetown and has also attended Providence College. He has been with NFCCS at the former school and has recently been named chairman of the Saturday activities of the regional Congress. McGonigle is a senior from Sharon, Mass., and was a member of the Holy Cross NFCCS committee last year. He attended several NFCCS meetings and took part in circulating the Cardinal Mindszenty petition.

Said Smith, "This horseshoe business is getting a little bit of a bad name."

So Smith (and his brother) grew whiskers, and now he is selling cough drops now.

One of the most common butts of college humor is the bachelor and the husband-wife doctiffs. E. G.

"My darling wife was always glum,
I drowned her in a cask of rum.
And so made sure that she would stay
In better spirits night and day."

B. C. Height

"Statistics show that the mortality rate is 42% among bachelors than married men. It may be fast, but there is less pain. The poor married men cannot even get a divorce without permission."

Merrimack Warrior

Definitions:

A wedding is a funeral where you smell your own sweat.

Bachelor: a selfish, callous, undeserving man who has cheated some worthy woman out of her alimony.

Love: is the star men look up to when they walk and marriage is the hole they fall into.

(I can't remember where I stole these definitions.)

A WORD OF WELCOME —

One of the latest exchanges to reach us is "The Service" the newsletter of the New England Region, NFCCS. Published in regular newspaper style, the paper contains four pages of news stories. Ray Donovan, the editor, and a fellow staff member, should turn gray with age fast now with the T'HAWK and "Compass" to go along with it!

CROSSBARS

By Charlie Keenan

The stir of the week was created last Friday morning when a member of the Junior Class refused to "testify" in the Logic Specimen. The Junior, who was wearing a red tie and a large "Marcantonio for Mayor" button refused to answer questions put to him by a philosophy prof under his rights as a citizen, "Under the first amendment to the Constitution, on the grounds that it might incriminate me with my teacher".

Mr. Warren B. O'Connor has informed us that he is preparing an answer to Mr. Neubauer of the Junior Class concerning a point at issue that was raised in the specimen. The paper by Mr. O'Connor will be published in a forthcoming issue of the "Atlantic Monthly."

The happy peace of this quiet old New England Campus was shattered this week when hundreds of resident students made haste to remove their automobiles from the many spacious parking areas on Campus. In keeping with the latest directive of the JSP, a wrecking crew has been imported from Chicago's South side which will supervise the towing of all unauthorized vehicles from the Campus. The only difficulty with the program has been the arrival on Campus of a number of chubby little lawyers who have been noising it around that they will be glad to be of service to anyone whose car might be injured. We have rid the Campus of vehicles — now what are we to do with these chubby little lawyers?

The announcement that Friday and Saturday will BOTH be holidays has sent the Student Body into a tumultuous furor. Residents have been dashing madly about all week trying to ascertain exactly what is to be done with their extra Mass stubs. Many from the New York area are desirous of learning whether or not their stub entitles them to entrance into churches in the Metropolitan area on Friday and Saturday. The entire campus is buzzing. One suggestion that reached this office seems worthy of mention. A member of the Senior class has suggested that students save their extra Mass stubs in order that they might gain admission to the chapel on days when Mass is optional.

This week, we are inaugurating a new feature in Cross-Bars. As of this week we shall, to the best of our endeavor, answer all and any questions concerning life on the Hill. Send your question into the TOMAHAWK office and we shall answer your queries with the proper decorum and sobriety worthy of the intelligence of the Students of Holy Cross.

This week's queries:
H. B., Third O'Kane: No, the song "Mule Train" was not inspired by the 30 check of prefects on Freshman corridors. That whip-like sound effect the song is purely coincidental.
J. R. K., First Wheeler: No, I shall not stop writing this tripe. As to your second question — the same to you.

BOSTON CLUB SETS NIGHT FOR ANNUAL B. C. VICTORY DANCE

The Boston Club has announced that its annual Boston College Victory Dance will be held November 26, in the Imperial Ballroom of the Statler Hotel. Tickets are \$3.00 per couple, and can be purchased from corridor representatives throughout the college.

As at the post-Harvard game dance,

the popular Brad Kent, and his orchestra will supply the music. Jim Connors and Jack Kent, General Chairman and Ticket Chairman, will be assisted by Tom Whitney and Ed McHugh in making this one of the finest and most enjoyable of Holy Cross's victory celebrations.

At its meeting last week, the club discussed the plans for its Christmas Formal. Details and committee will be announced in the next issue of the TOMAHAWK.

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Feature stories on the Student Choir, new Fine Arts Course, and the Dinand Memorial Library.

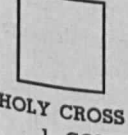
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PRIZE WINNERS GIVEN AWARDS

Weideman Recipient of Prized Kranich Medal

The annual prize winning articles of the 1948-49 Volume of the *Purple* were announced yesterday in a release from the Dean's office. Hugh Weideman won the coveted Kranich Medal, with his essay "Brave New World." It took first prize in this field and his "Annunciation" won second place in the poetry department.

Other winners were "Mother of Mothers," by John McCall, which was awarded first prize in the poetry section; "Business in Bethlehem," by Michael M. Masterpool, and "Nellie McFadden's Miracle," by Edmund J. Leonard, which took first and second places respectively in the short story field. J. Kirby Hendee's "Learning Without Thought Is Labor Lost" won second prize in the essay section. These winners will receive cash awards for their fine literary work.

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OTHELLO —

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of Lady of the Elms College. Another charming member on the distaff side of the cast is Cecelia Houle, also of State Teachers College.

Other members of the cast include Ralph Lancaster, Norman Dusseault, Robert Nolan, Eugene Grisanti, John Carey, Thomas Leahy, Conrad Pare, Robert Cronin, Joseph Isola, Samuel Ceccarelli, Thomas Ganley, Thomas Coe, Ronald Abbot, Robert Step-pacher, Lowell Curran, John Doolan, Gerald Burke, William O'Brien and

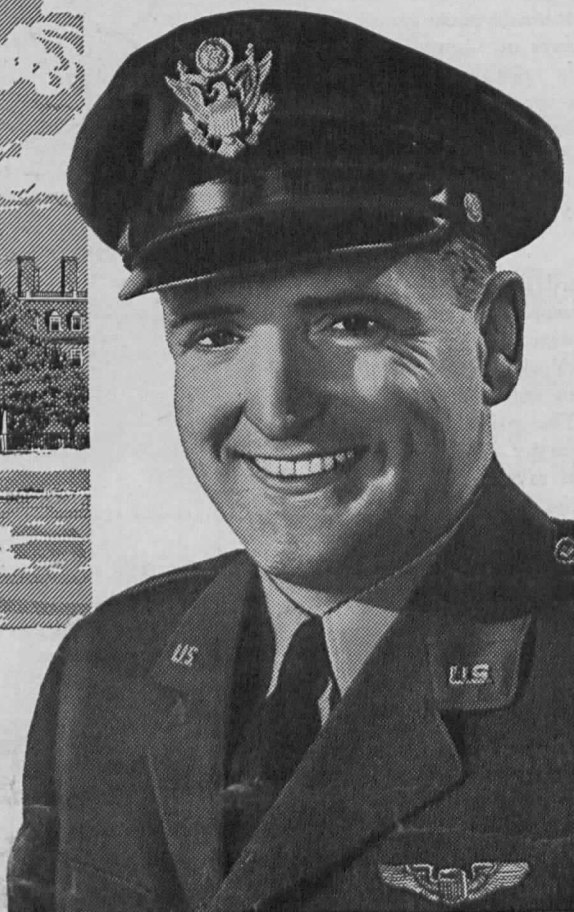
Dean Shipman.

The committee in charge of distribution tickets bawn their work yesterday in the post office. The number of tickets is necessarily limited by the small amount of space in Fenwick's seating arrangements Frank Laski and Dave Scholl head this detail.

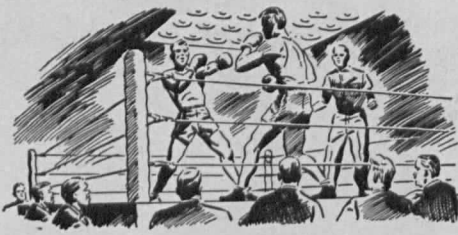
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Born in Newark, N. J., he moved to Boston at an early age, graduated from the public Latin high school in 1936, entered Harvard the same year, where he majored in economics and government.



"Active on the campus" — he played football, earned his letter on the boxing team. He worked part-time in a variety of jobs from bouncer to baby sitter, received his AB degree in 1940.



He enrolled in Harvard Law School, left at the beginning of the war to become an Aviation Cadet. In December, 1942, he won his pilot's wings, received a Reserve commission as Second Lieutenant.



Assigned to anti-sub patrol duty, he flew B-25's and B-17's before going overseas in 1944, where he flew 30 missions as a B-24 pilot. Shot down over Germany, he was a prisoner of war for 3 months.



Back in the States with his English wife, he earned his Regular commission. Then he returned to Harvard under the Air Force college training program, receiving his LLB degree in 1949.



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Capacity Crowd Attends Lecture Fr. Murray Speaks on "Vocation of American Catholic Layman"

A capacity gathering filled Kimball Auditorium last Thursday evening to hear a timely and interesting lecture by Reverend John Courtney Murray, S.J., whose topic was "The Vocation of the American Catholic Layman." This was the initial presentation of the 1949-50 Cross and Scroll lecture series.

The Church, said Father Murray, depends upon its laymen to guide the temporal order of the world. We must take into account the fact that we are Americans, and realize that our task, then, is a realistic rather than idealistic one. It is to create an order in which, first, the freedom of the Church to carry on her work is guaranteed. And secondly, the freedom of man to perform his vocation is likewise guaranteed.

In connection with the first part of our task, Father Murray stated that one field in which the freedom of the Church is restricted is the field of education. It is up to the American Catholic layman to help solve this so-called "school question"; the question of federal aid to Catholic schools has failed because they were carried on only by private support. To counteract this, Father Murray said, a league of Catholic men is in the process of formation.

As for the freedom of man, the speaker said that there is need for a world of a new balance between freedom and order. The former alone is not enough, for freedom without order results merely in chaos. On the other hand, order alone is tyranny, as in Soviet Russia. We need, in the first place, technical knowledge and skill, especially in the fields of economic, political, and, in the second place, Christian spirit.

The total membership in the organization has been announced as 479 students in Freshman and Senior classes led by a drive.

DATE SET FOR SOPH SMOKER

The Sophomore Class at a meeting last Friday in Kimball Hall, in the Town Hall, set the date for the second annual Sophomore Smoker at sometime after the year exams, either before or after Lent.

In a few weeks, committee members will be chosen to organize and plan the place of entertainment, place of gathering. Jim Condon, Class President re-elected in his second year, suggested the lecture series.

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